

REMARKS

Claims 33-52 are pending. Claims 1-32 are currently canceled. Claims 39-52 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claim 33 is currently amended. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Examiner Interview Summary

The undersigned counsel appreciates the courtesy afforded by the Examiner in granting the interview on June 2, 2010 to discuss the outstanding rejection of claims 33-38 under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph. In particular, a strategy for amending claim 33 to overcome this rejection was agreed upon, and claim 33 has been so amended. During the interview, the Examiner indicated that amending claim 33 in this manner would also overcome the prior art rejection of claims 33-38 under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by WO 00/69985, and as a result, additional prior art searching may be necessary.

§ 112 Rejections

Claims 33-38 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention, as Applicant's arguments in the response dated January 13, 2010 are found to be unpersuasive.

To clarify the claimed invention, in accordance with the amendment strategy discussed during the Examiner Interview, claim 33 has been amended to remove the definition of the term "structural support layer" and to recite that the release material is "bonded so as to contact, and follow the pattern formed into, said structured release surface of said paper".

Accordingly, it is submitted that the rejection of claims 33-38 under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, has been overcome, and that the rejection should be withdrawn.

§ 102 Rejections

Claims 33-38 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by WO 00/69985 ('985). However, the '985 reference discloses a release liner that includes a "structural support layer" on its release side. At least because claim 33 expressly recites that the release side of the

paper release liner is free of a structural support layer, the '985 reference does not disclose each and every element recited in claim 33. Accordingly, this rejection should be withdrawn.

Request for Rejoinder

Withdrawn claims 39-52 incorporate all the claim features of currently amended claim 33. Accordingly, it is submitted that they are patentable. Rejoinder of these claims is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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